New members & Miss Doe
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My Dear Bro. P.

Yours of the 8th inst I did not, for some reason, receive until after the meeting of our conference of Churches, nor could I have done any thing about the matter if I had as I could not attend the meeting being about on a journey. Our new organization is going well. — several brethren whom I have seen & who have hitherto refused all connection with Mass. abolitionism are ready to join us. — brother Carpenter of Southbridge for one whom you perhaps may recollect as one of the Remonstrants at Worcester a year ago last winter. I refer to our Clerical meeting. I do hope that Birney may be secured as your suggest. New York is to be seen the nominal Centre of our influences in behalf of the Slave. but has not the old Bay state been. & is she not

still the ~~[illegible]~~ real center after all. — at last the main spoke in the great wheel? Beyond all question. In every moral movement in this land, as goes Utah, so goes the rest. Hence the imperative necessity of the new organization, as the old one had shut off from the track. I could not be got back again. Hence also the necessity of pushing the organization right ahead. & to do it the ablest, and the ablest men in our ranks must be secured as its organs of action, men I mean, of such standing & influence in the community that our beloved friends Garrison & Johnson cannot have that thrown out of existence. As matters now stand they will have to talk a good deal about "rotten timber" before they will make much headway against us. & if we can get Birney it will settle the whole question.

But to another subject. Do you know when H. Wilson is to be found? I mean the good brother that is now & has been so long engaged in efforts

in behalf of the fugitive slaves in Canada. I see from a late Emancipator that he is now visiting his friends in New England. but where I do not know. I want very much to see him. I am thinking more & more about the plan that I mentioned to you — that of establishing by some means the silk business among them. & if I could see Mr. W. I could get I have seen a great deal of information on the subject. He could tell me a thousand things having on the general subject, tending to confirm or destroy my present impressions in regard to the possibility of the thing. If he is not too far off, could you not drop him a line, & tell him to come & see me, as I would like much at same time, — My trees are doing well although the season is thus far unfavorable. Great losses have been sustained, by the cold rains at the north, & the want of rain at the south. Trees will be higher next fall than ever — I am collecting materials

for a series of short articles ~~to be addressed to~~ ~~designed to~~ for your paper & others to be addressed to "My Free Colored Brethren" on the general subject of the silk culture. This summer, while I am seeing the Lord in the way of paying my debts. I think I may may

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well serve him in the way of helping these my brethren to pay theirs. & provide for their families. & raise themselves somewhat this I design to do by throwing before them some information that I have been in the way of picking up. & am in the way of picking up

As ever yours for the slave

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